

At Chawson First School we recognise the challenges that families face in bringing up children. There may be times when you need extra help and support. **If this is the case please come and talk to us.**

### Key Staff



Designated Safeguarding Lead: Lindsay Wood  
Assistant Headteacher,  
Mental Health and Wellbeing  
Lead Attendance Lead



Deputy DSL: Nicola Peck  
Headteacher



Deputy DSL: Karen Sage  
Deputy Headteacher  
SENCO Year 3-4



Deputy DSL: Emma Bartle  
Assistant Headteacher  
SENCO Preschool-Year 2

**The nominated safeguarding governor is: Vicky Moloney**

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Providing help early to our pupils and families at Chawson First School means we can change a child's developmental path and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities, by providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to teenage year. Early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later.

We use a graduated approach to make sure we provide the best support for each family based on their individual situations. In order to support in the right way, we work with you to identify, what you are worried about, what is working well and what needs to happen to make life better. We will use the information you share with us to form a 'family plan', this will help us to easily identify how we as a school can support and if necessary, which other agencies and professionals that are able to offer further support in other areas.

## 'Open Door' attitude

You are welcome to come and talk to staff who will make you feel comfortable, at a time that is convenient to you through:

- Monthly drop in sessions.
- Booked appointment.
- Before or after school.
- Parents evening appointments.



## What else do we provide?

- Soft start with doors opening from 8:30 and closing at 8:40.
- Safe school environment.
- Engaging curriculum where children receive enrichment opportunities and are challenged to achieve their best to become independent, articulate, aspirational children.
- Preschool and Early Years provision.
- Time to talk to trusted adults.
- Rewards for positive behaviour both in lessons and around school including weekly celebration assemblies and 'Always Child' each half term.
- Additional intervention and support for children eligible for Pupil Premium free



## Safeguarding

- All staff are trained annually and provided with regular updates and reminders.
- All teachers and staff know precisely how to identify and report concerns.
- Child protection files are kept by the DSL.
- The Headteacher follows missing from education guidance.
- All new staff complete safeguarding inductions.
- We have a designated teacher for Looked After Children.
- All visitors are signed in and wear lanyards so the children know they are safe to be in school.

## Attendance

- Mrs Wood is the lead on attendance. She monitors this weekly and follows our attendance policy to support pupils and families with attendance below 90% and those struggling to get to school on time.
- Meetings are booked where the aim is to identify any problems and difficulties in order to offer help and solutions to ensure that children attend school.
- The school operates a first day response system.

## Pupil Voice

Pupils are actively encouraged to speak about any concerns they have to a member of staff. In lessons children are taught to speak openly about their emotions. Pupils know that staff take all concerns very seriously.

## Other Local Community Support

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| Support with Food                   | Droitwich Food Bank is able to provide families with food.<br>Contact Number: 07532130604                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                     | Droitwich Community Pantry and Fridge based at Droitwich Baptist Church, Ombersley Street East / Winnetts Lane, Droitwich Spa WR9 8DE. Open every Wednesday. Slots can be booked every Sunday from 6pm via the Facebook page.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Early Help Family Support           | If parents experience difficulties managing their child's behaviour or staff are concerned about a child's home life, a discussion will be had, suggesting the need for Early Help. Contact can be made through parental self-referral or school referral to the district teams on 01905 843339 or via email:<br><a href="mailto:FamilySupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk">FamilySupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk</a>                                                                                                  |
| Mental Health                       | <b>CAMHS</b> If staff or parents have concerns regarding a child's mental health a referral can be made to CAMHS service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                     | <b>Reach4well being</b> The Reach4Wellbeing team aims to promote positive wellbeing, reach children and young people in their communities and reduce the stigma of mental health. They currently provide short-term group programmes for children and young people age 5-18 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and low mood.<br>Parents and staff can refer individual children to the NHS Reach4well being to support anxiety. If required, school will attempt to provide a room to allow sessions to take place. |
| Medical support                     | <b>School Nurse</b> Chawson's school nurse can be contact by staff or parents.<br><b>Droitwich:</b> Medical Centre, WR9 8RD: 01905 520 032                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Children's Additional Needs         | <b>SENDIASS</b> For children with additional needs, parents can access the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service - 01905 768153 email: <a href="mailto:sendiass@worcestershires.gov.uk">sendiass@worcestershires.gov.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Children's Services                 | <b>Family Front Door</b> - If a member of staff, parent/carer or member of the public thinks a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm they should contact the Family Front Door (FFD) - 01905 822 666 or in an emergency always call 999. <b>Do not wait to discuss this with the DSL/DDSL but do report it afterwards.</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Worcestershire Early Help Resources | <br>WCC Early Help Resources.docx<br><br>Click on the document link to access the <b>Worcestershire Family Hub</b> and further resources available across Worcestershire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |